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REMARKS

In the Requirement for Restriction, mailed April 18, 2006, the Examiner stated that the captioned application includes claims drawn to two patentably distinct species of the claimed invention, namely the keyhole shape shown in Figure 6, and the keyhole shape shown in Figure 16. Applicant has been required to elect a single disclosed species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The Examiner stated that currently claims 17-20 are generic.

Applicant elects the keyhole shape shown in Figure 6, with traverse. Claims 17-20, 26-28, 31, 32 and 35-43 are readable on the elected species.

Applicant traverses the requirement for restriction on the basis that claims 17-20 and 35-40 are generic and that the number of species claimed herein is reasonable and therefore permitted within a single application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.141. Reconsideration of the requirement for restriction is therefore requested.

With this amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for examination on the merits.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the present application can receive an early Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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